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50/221. Support account for peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994 and 49/250 of 20 July 1995 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Board of Auditors on the audit of the support account for peace-keeping operations for the period ended 30 September 1995, 1/ the report of the Secretary-General on the support account 2/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/ and the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee, 4/

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peace-keeping operations,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report submitted by the Board of Auditors on its audit of the support account for peace-keeping operations; 1/

1/ A/50/874 and Corr.1.

2/ A/50/876.

3/ A/50/897.

4/ See A/C.5/50/SR. 49, 50 and 55.

2. Also takes note of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. Decides, pending its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General 2/ at the second part of its resumed fiftieth session, in May 1996:

(a) To authorize the extension until 30 June 1996 of the 61 temporary posts previously authorized in paragraph 12 of its resolution 49/250;

(b) To authorize the amounts of 50,000 United States dollars for general temporary assistance, 40,000 dollars for overtime, 60,000 dollars for travel, 189,500 dollars for training and 660,100 dollars for common services, until 30 June 1996, to be financed on the basis of the current funding methodology and formula;

4. Also decides to revert to the proposals of the Secretary-General for the support account for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 at the second part of its resumed session, in May 1996;

5. Requests the Secretary-General in this regard to address the issues contained in the report of the Advisory Committee; 3/

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all submissions relating to the backstopping at Headquarters of peace-keeping operations are presented in the context of the report on the support account;

7. Recognizes the temporary nature of support account posts and decides in this regard that measures introduced by the Secretary-General in connection with the regular budget shall not be extended to those posts;

8. Requests the Board of Auditors to keep under review the issue of the role and use of extrabudgetary resources, including the use of personnel loaned by departments and offices at Headquarters supporting peace-keeping operations, and to report to the General Assembly thereon as appropriate;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to present in each report on the support account information on the use of trust funds, including the scope of activities financed by them;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to keep Member States informed on the establishment of trust funds as well as on the possibilities for their use.

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50/222. Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports of the Working Groups on Contingent-Owned Equipment, 1/ established pursuant to its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

Taking note further of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Working Groups on Contingent-Owned Equipment on the reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. Decides to endorse the proposal concerning loss or damage to contingent-owned equipment, other than loss or damage to major equipment due to hostile action or forced abandonment, as presented in paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 3/

3. Also decides that the reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment shall be in place as from 1 July 1996 on the basis of the recommendations contained in

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1/ A/C.5/49/66 and A/C.5/49/70.

2/ A/50/807.

3/ A/50/887.

paragraph 51 of the report of the Phase III Working Group 4/ and paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee; 3/

4. Further decides to review the operation of the reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment at its fifty-second session;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in this regard, to submit for its consideration a report on the first full year of implementation of the reformed procedures;

6. Decides that the above-mentioned review and report shall pertain to all elements of the reformed procedures, in particular to those elements of the recommendations of the Working Groups that were not specifically endorsed by the Secretary-General in his report, 2/ and decides to request the Secretary-General in this regard to include in the above-mentioned report comparative data on the differences between the adopted system and other proposals contained in the reports of the Secretary-General 2/ and the Advisory Committee; 3/

7. Requests the Secretary-General to inform all Member States by 30 May 1996 of the establishment of the new procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment.

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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/850/Add.3)]

50/223. Death and disability benefits

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Expressing deep concern at the delay in the settlement of claims in respect of death and disability,

Taking note of the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee, 3/

1. Reiterates the decision, contained in section III, paragraph 1, of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, that underlying any system of compensation for death and disability should be the need for:

(a) Equal treatment of Member States;

(b) Compensation to the beneficiary that is not lower than reimbursement by the United Nations;

(c) Simplification of administrative arrangements to the extent possible;

(d) Speedy settlement of claims for death and disability;

1/ A/49/906 and Corr.1.

2/ A/50/684.

3/ See A/C.5/50/SR.47, 48 and 55.

2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine also the possibility of an insurance scheme to cover all troops, on the basis of a request for proposals from the global insurance market;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to present the results of the above-mentioned action and to respond to issues raised in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 2/ by 15 July 1996 for the consideration of the General Assembly, through the Committee.

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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/851/Add.1)]

50/224. Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and its subsequent resolutions relating to the composition of the existing groups for the apportionment of the expenses of peace-keeping operations, the latest of which are resolution 49/249 A of 20 July 1995 and resolution 49/249 B of 14 September 1995,

Having considered the request of Ukraine for reclassification from group B to group C,

1. Welcomes with great satisfaction the voluntary decision made by the Government of Greece to reclassify Greece from group C to group B;

2. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement:

(a) To note the voluntary decision made by the Government of Greece and to place Greece among the Member States referred to in paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989 and, in accordance with that decision, to apportion its share of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions on the basis of the proportions determined by the scale of assessments in the following manner: 35 per cent beginning 1 July 1996, 55 per cent in 1997, 75 per cent in 1998, 95 per cent in 1999 and 100 per cent in 2000 and subsequent years;

(b) To begin the transition of Ukraine to the group of Member States referred to in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 43/232 on the understanding that the reduction in the United States dollar amounts to be assessed on Ukraine

beginning 1 July 1996 shall be equal to the additional United States dollar amounts assessed on Greece in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) above, on the basis that this decision will be adjusted as appropriate to conform with any future relevant decisions adopted by the General Assembly;

3. Stresses that paragraph 2 above does not result in any change in the assessments for financing peace-keeping operations of other Member States;

4. Notes the intention as stated by Ukraine on 29 March 1996 in the Fifth Committee concerning the settlement of its arrears; 1/

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232".

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1/ See A/C.5/50/SR.51.

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50/225. Public administration and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Tangier Declaration, 1/ adopted by the Pan-African Conference of Ministers of the Civil Service held in Morocco on 20 and 21 June 1994,

Recalling also its resolution 49/136 of 19 December 1994 on public administration and development,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council decision 1996/215 of 2 April 1996,

Bearing in mind the rapid pace and interdependence of global, political, social and economic developments, and their implications for all countries, particularly the developing countries, and that there is a critical need for improved efficiency and effective public institutions, administrative procedures and sound financial management to harness these challenges in support of sustainable development in all countries,

Affirming that States have the sovereign right and responsibility to decide, in accordance with their own development policy, strategies, needs and priorities, on their public administration management based on the rule of law,

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1/ See A/49/495, annex.

Acknowledging the diversity of experiences in public administrative systems as well as the political, social and economic circumstances of each country,

Recognizing that effectiveness of government requires an efficient and effective public administration in all countries that is responsive to the needs of the people, promotes social justice, ensures universal access to quality services and productive assets and creates an enabling environment for sustainable people-centred development,

Reaffirming the importance of enhancing the quality of public administration based, inter alia, on the participatory approach to development,

Recognizing the role of the United Nations in assisting Governments, at their request, in ensuring the maintenance of essential basic government services and functions during times of crisis and in developing strategies for rebuilding a viable public administration in countries undergoing post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction,

Taking note of the fact that the United Nations system, responding to requests from interested Member States, has contributed in support of their public administration to include wider aspects of governance, including democratic, legal and judiciary reform, and strengthening of the civil society,

Recognizing that Governments in all countries should make their procedures transparent in order to avoid and combat all acts of corruption,

Emphasizing the benefits to all countries of exchanging experiences and views in order to promote better understanding and applications of various roles and functions of government and public administration, and enhancing international cooperation in this field, including such exchanges within the context of South-South and interregional cooperation,

Recognizing the important role of the public sector in the development process and stressing the need to improve development and management of its human resources through, inter alia, appropriate national incentive measures,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on public administration and development 2/ and of the proposals contained therein;

2. Takes note also of the report of the Group of Experts in Public Administration and Finance; 3/

3. Takes further note of the reports of the regional meetings on public administration and development; 4/

2/ A/50/847-E/1996/7.

3/ A/50/525-E/1995/122.

4/ A/50/904, A/50/917, A/50/919, A/50/920, A/50/921 and A/50/929.

4. Recognizes that there exist challenges and trends variously facing national Governments in the field of public administration;

5. Reaffirms that democracy and transparent and accountable governance and administration in all sectors of society are indispensable foundations for the realization of social and people-centred sustainable development;

6. Underlines the importance of transparent and accountable governance and administration in all public and private national and international institutions;

7. Recognizes that there is a need for public administration systems to be sound, efficient and well equipped with the appropriate capacities and capabilities through, inter alia, capacity-building, promotion of transfer, access and utilization of technology, establishment or improvement of training programmes for public service, strengthening of partnership of the public sector with the private sector and civil society, as well as providing an enabling environment for private sector activities, as appropriate, promotion of the role and involvement of women in public administration, development of cross-sectoral gender-sensitive and multidisciplinary capabilities, which supports all phases of the development process as well as the promotion of opportunities for all to participate in all spheres of the public sector;

8. Reaffirms that Governments in all countries should promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, bearing in mind the interdependent and mutually reinforcing relationship between democracy, development and respect for human rights, and should make public institutions more responsive to people's needs;

9. Invites Governments to strengthen their public administrative and financial management capacities through public-sector administrative and management reform, with emphasis on enhanced efficiency and productivity, accountability and responsiveness of the public institutions, and encourages, where appropriate, decentralization of public institutions and services;

10. Recognizes the importance of the major United Nations conferences and urges the development of the necessary capabilities to enable public administration to implement the commitments agreed upon in an effective and coordinated manner;

11. Confirms the importance of and calls for enhancement of the effectiveness of United Nations activities in the area of public administration and development;

12. Stresses the importance of an increased synergy, cooperation and coordination between United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, the United Nations Secretariat and the Bretton Woods institutions to ensure that the substantive and technical capacity of the United Nations system is optimized;

13. Acknowledges that the role of United Nations activities and programmes in public administration and development is to assist Governments, at their request, to improve their responsiveness to meet the basic needs of all, as well as to achieve sustainable development in all countries; the United Nations should focus its activities in the following areas as

recommended by the Group of Experts in Public Administration and Finance in its report:

(a) Strengthening government capacity for policy development, administrative restructuring, civil service reform, human resources development and public administration training;

(b) Improving performance in the public sector;

(c) Financial management;

(d) Public-private interaction;

(e) Social development;

(f) Developing infrastructure and protecting the environment;

(g) Government legal capacity;

(h) Post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction of government machinery;

(i) Management of development programmes;

in this context, the United Nations should carry out these activities through pooling and facilitating access to information in public administration, promoting training and research in public administration and finance at all levels, advocacy and exchange of experiences, advisory services, technical assistance, capacity-building and human resources development;

14. Requests the United Nations to develop strategies, at the request of interested countries, for rebuilding a viable public administration in countries undergoing post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction;

15. Invites the Bretton Woods institutions and all relevant United Nations agencies and bodies to assist, at their request, Member States involved in economic restructuring programmes to pursue national policies aimed at improving the development and management of their human resources through, inter alia, appropriate measures;

16. Recognizes the increased national efforts of Member States in providing adequate financial and other resources for the strengthening of their public administration;

17. Invites the international community to create an enabling international environment and to consider providing adequate financial and other resources for programmes of assistance to support national efforts in enhancing the effectiveness of public administration in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

18. Recommends that the Secretary-General take appropriate measures in order to ensure maximum coordination of activities of the United Nations system in the field of public administration and development;

19. Calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure ways of strengthening the coordination, coherence and harmonization of the management and

implementation of the operational activities of the United Nations system in the field of public administration and development;

20. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on public administration and development containing information on the implementation of the present resolution.

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50/226. United Nations Office of Verification in El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the situation in Central America, in particular resolution 50/7 of 31 October 1995, in which it, inter alia, approved the proposal of the Secretary-General to extend the mandate of the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador for a further period of six months and requested the Secretary-General to report on its implementation,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 23 April 1996 on the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador, 1/ and the letter from the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional to the Secretary-General dated 23 April 1996, 2/

Recognizing with satisfaction the continuing evolution of El Salvador from a country torn by conflict into a democratic and peaceful nation,

Paying tribute to those Member States which have contributed personnel and voluntary funding to the Mission,

1. Welcomes the continuing commitment of the Government and people of El Salvador to the consolidation of the peace process;

1/ A/50/935.

2/ A/50/948, annex.

2. Pays tribute to the accomplishments of the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador, under the authority of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative;

3. Recognizes the political commitment of the Government of El Salvador and the other parties to the peace accords to continue to comply with their provisions, and urges them to work together to complete their implementation without delay;

4. Decides, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 36 of the report of the Secretary-General, to establish a small United Nations Office of Verification, to be headed by an official at an appropriate political level, to follow up implementation of pending aspects of the peace accords in El Salvador through 31 December 1996;

5. Also decides that the United Nations Office of Verification should be financed within existing resources, in a manner consistent with the effective fulfilment of its mandate and taking into account that the Secretary-General will submit proposals on possible means of absorption in the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, no later than 15 May 1996;

6. Notes that regular visits to El Salvador by senior officials from United Nations Headquarters are making a significant contribution towards the full implementation of the peace accords;

7. Emphasizes the importance of a continued and enhanced cooperation of the United Nations Office of Verification with other bodies of the United Nations system in the consolidation of the peace accords;

8. Calls upon Member States and international institutions to continue to provide assistance to the Government and people of El Salvador and to lend support to the efforts of the United Nations in El Salvador for the purposes of peace-building and development;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it on the implementation of the present resolution.

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